

Dear FCC,

The merger between AT & T and Com Cast can only serve the 'no response' status of Franchise agreements that are as yet unresolved. For over five years our municipality has been trying to reach an agreement with the cable carrier for local access services under a Franchise agreement. It seems the cable company has the ability to change players and move the process back to step one every time the company changes hands. CableTron- Media One- AT & T -Com Cast, new management, new lawyers, new ball game ever time.

I can not see how the FCC can allow the merging of these companies without regard to the communities that must struggle and expend resources to try to nail down an agreement. There must be some way that the FCC can ensure the contractual negotiations be continued from one management source to the next. Are we to expect a new batch of players at the table next month? Are we to spend another five years educating, bartering, hiring of lawyers just because of cable carrier shift again? No, I don't like it.